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Honorary Sergeant Major Dies

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii - The honorary Sgt. Maj. of the Army's 27th Infantry Regiment Wolfounds, Hugh F. O'Reilly, 91, died Friday.

O'Reilly died of natural causes while at his home in Ewa Beach.

A memorial service for O'Reilly will be held at 9 a.m. June 27 at the Sergeant Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks.

The family requests that flowers not be sent to this service, and that donations are given to the 27th Infantry Regiment.

Retired Army Master Sgt. O'Reilly entered military service at the age of eighteen serving as a Soldier and Marine during three separate enlistments.

O'Reilly fought in World War II and Korea participating in several campaigns to include Guadalcanal.

In 1949, while serving with 27th Infantry Regiment in Japan, O'Reilly established a special relationship with the Holy Family Home orphanage in Osaka.

The relationship with his wife Yuko and the Holy Family Home was made famous by the Hollywood movie, "Three Stripes in the Sun."

As a result of his achievements and selfless service, Master Sgt. O'Reilly was named honorary Sgt. Maj. of the 27th Infantry Regiment, where he served for more than 54 years.

His service extended into the community as O'Reilly was the first non-Japanese elected president to the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

O'Reilly's actions continue to remain a part of the Wolfhound legacy today as Wolfounds maintain close ties and financial support to the children of the Holy Family Home orphanage.

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